CHAPTER XXV

TENSION BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE1

Reciprocal Impressions — Imminence of War'— State of England — Bonaparte as a French Burgher — The Democracy of the Tuileries — Private Interview of Bonaparte and Whittforth — The English Militia Mobilized—Hot Words at Bonaparte's Reception — Explanation of the Scene — France Still Pacific — England Immovable — Declaration of War.

A TRUSTWORTHY estimate has fixed the number ./JL of strangers who flocked to France during 1802 at twenty thousand, of whom four fifths were Britons — Fox and Lord Holland among the number. The impressions of the sympathetic English were not merely favorable, their senses were stunned. Like Great Britain herself, France seemed rejuvenated by her successive revolutions, the national life getting new vigor from movement and change. It was clear to them that the new France would be a foe vastly more redoubtable than either the recent or the former "one. Pleasure-seekers found nothing of what they desired, neither reckless vice

1 In addition to the authorities given with the last chapter there are Garden: Traite*s. Leclercq: Collection des Lois. Lefebvre: Cabinets de 1'Europe. DuCasse: N6gociations relatives au Traite" d'Amiens, Negotiations de Lungvill'e; Jurien de la Gravidre: Guerres Maritimes. Lettres 'ine*dites de Talleyrand a Napole*on. Stern: Briefe von Gentz in Oesterreichische Geschichtsforschung, Vol. XXI. Bailleu: Correspondance ine*dite* du roi Fre*de*rio Guillaume et la reine Louise avec 1'empereur Alexandra I. Himly: Histoire de la formation territoriale des £tats de PEurope centrale. Holtzhausen: Der erste Consul und seine deutschen Besucher. Reichardt: Un Hiver a Paris sous le Consulat. Browning: England and Napoleon in 1803. Stanhope: William Pitt; Denkwiirdigkeiten des Grafen de Bray.